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U.S. Patent No. 5,387,463 A corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 6-18706 cited at page 2, lines 5-8 of the present specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,568,290 A corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 7-191217 cited at page 1, lines 22-26 of the present specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,583,679 A corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 8-50206 cited at page 1, lines 22-26 of the present specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,111,699 A corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 11-160505 cited at page 2, lines 10-13 of the present specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,164,785 A corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 10-20103 cited at page 2, lines 5-8 of the present specification.

U.S. Patent No. 6,217,176 B1 corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 2000-180611 cited at page 2, lines 10-13 of the present specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,343,865 B1 corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 11-305010 cited at page 2, lines 10-13 of the present specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,483,561 B2 corresponds to JP Patent No. 2,822,983 cited at page 1, lines 30-31 of the present specification. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0150722 A1 corresponds to JP Provisional Publication No. 2000-338310 cited at page 2, lines 10-13 of the

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present specification. EP Application No. 0911656 A2 is cited at page 1, lines 22-26 of the present specification.

A concise explanation of the relevance of JP Provisional Publication No. 11-326608 A is set forth at page 2, lines 10-13 of the present specification. A concise explanation of the relevance of JP Provisional Publication 2000-121809 A is set forth at page 2, lines 10-13 of the present specification. A concise explanation of the relevance of JP Publication No. 2001-033783 A is set forth at page 1, lines 31-32 of the present specification. A concise explanation of the relevance of JP Publication No. 2001-1056461 A is set forth at page 1, lines 32-34 of the present specification.

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